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* 167 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to open new National Extension Service Blocks in Malabar district; and

(*b*) if so, whether any of them will be opened in Walluvanad taluk?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, in October 1956.

(*b*) No.

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know whether it is not a fact that the District Collector of Malabar has recommended that Walluvanad taluk is a very backward taluk and that it is also adjoining the Community Block Area of Palghat and that it is desirable that the National Extension Scheme should be extended to this taluk?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : According to the Collector there are other taluks also which are equally backward. So, Kunnummel area in Kurumbranad taluk has been selected for introducing National Extension Scheme. I may tell the hon. Member that this area also is equally a bad area.

Sri K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Sir, at the very beginning of the Community Block Development Scheme in Palghat, there was a proposal as far as I know to extend the activities to the adjoining taluk of Walluvanad. My information is that the district officials had reported to the Government to start such a centre for the adjoining firka of Mannarghat. May I know whether the Government gave any consideration to that suggestion and if so what decision the Government have taken in the matter? 9–30 a.m.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the Hon. Member from the information that I have with me, the Collector does not seem to have recommended any particular area to be taken up under the National Extension Service.

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : May I know whether the Collector recommended the inclusion of Nattika firka in the National Extension Service Scheme where the people on their own initiative have constructed 24 roads without help from the Government and where mass enthusiasm is very high and where the area is backward?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do appreciate that Nattika firka is also equally backward; it deserves priority. But the Collector sees so many other backward areas and it is difficult to take all areas at once. There is no question of the Collector recommending this area or that area.

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SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether it is the policy of the Government to open National Extension Blocks in every taluk in course of time?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It is not merely the policy of the Government to open such blocks in every taluk, but it is the policy of the Government to cover all the taluks before the end of the Second Five-Year Plan.

Ice factories in Malabar Coast

* 168 Q.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to open ice factories in Malabar Coast for purposes of freezing and storing fish; and

(*b*) if so, the places chosen for the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Committee on Co-operation

* 169 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Committee on Co-operation has submitted its report to the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Controller of Stationery and Printing has already been instructed to supply a copy of the report each to all the Members of the Legislature.

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM : Have the Government considered the proposals made by the Committee, if so, whether there is any proposal to bring in a comprehensive amending legislation embodying these proposals?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Yes, Sir. Their report is being considered by a special staff appointed for the purpose at the office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies. As soon as the proposals are submitted by the Registrar, Government will take necessary action in the matter.

* 170 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the report of the Enquiry Committee on Co-operation;

(*b*) whether the Government have completed the consideration of the recommendations contained in the report; and